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POWER
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS PROVIDED BY REC TO BIHAR AND U.P.
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by the Rural Electrification Corporation to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh for water pumpset energization during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of pumpsets energized by each State during each of these years;

(c) whether no funds were released to these States during the year 2001-2002 for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : During the last 3 years as also in the current year, Bihar State Electricity Board as well as Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL) (erstwhile UPSEB) have not availed of any financial assistance from Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for energisation of water pumpsets.

(b) : As per CEA statistics, details of pumpsets reported as energized in the State of Bihar and UP during the last 3 years are as under :

No. of Pumpsets reported as energized.

	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Bihar	1539	2282	1138
U.P.	11403	8086	14929

(c) & (d) : Bihar State Electricity Board and also UPPCL have not availed of any financial assistance from REC during 2001-02 as they continue to default in repayment of REC`s dues. However, Government of India has released an amount of Rs.2457.90 lakhs to Bihar and an amount of Rs.9417.00 lakhs to Uttar Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) during 2001-02 for rural electrification. Besides, an amount of Rs.948.00 lakhs to Bihar and Rs.3923.00 lakhs to Uttar Pradesh was released under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) during 2001-02 for rural electrification.